

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 27-30.

Please amend claims 6-8, 12, 24, and 25 as follows:

6. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the bacteria are selected from the group consisting of *Escherichia*, *Vibrio*, *Yersinia*, and *Salmonella*.

7. (Amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the bacteria are *Salmonella* bacteria selected from the group consisting of *S. typhimurium*, *S. enteritidis*, *S. typhi*, *S. abortus-ovi*, *S. abortus-equi*, *S. dublin*, *S. gallinarum*, and *S. pullorum*.

8. (Amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the bacteria are *E. coli*.

12. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the bacteria are selected from the group consisting of *Neisseria meningitidis* and *Pasteurella multocida*.

24. (Amended) The attenuated strain of claim 18, wherein the bacteria are selected from the group consisting of: *E. coli*, *Shigella spp.*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Yersinia spp.*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, and *Legionella pneumophila*.

25. (Amended) The attenuated strain of claim 18, wherein the bacteria are selected from the group consisting of *Neisseria meningitidis* and *Pasteurella multocida*.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendments to the claims are requested to better define the claimed invention. No new matter is introduced by these amendments, and these amendments are not made to avoid prior art. Claims 27-30 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicant's rights to pursue such claims in the future in this or other continuing applications.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".